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President Visits Lincoln Shrine in Kentucky Hills

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN
EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON,
June 14.—(P)—President Roosevelt,
in a formal statement issued on his
train after visiting Lincoln's birth-
place at Hodgenville, Ky., late today,
urged a new pledge of "fidelity to the
faith which Lincoln held in the com-
mon man—the faith so simply ex-
pressed when he said:

"As I would not be a slave, so I
would not be a master. This ex-
presses my idea of democracy. What-
ever differs from this, to the extent
of the difference, is no democracy."

The President ended his 4,000-mile
western speaking trip at the birth-
place of the Civil war president,
where a throng of Kentuckians stood
in Memorial park in a blazing sun
and watched him tour the granite
enclosed log cabin and sign the guest
book.

He made no speech at the hallowed
spot. He had spoken earlier in the
day in dedicating the George Rogers
Clark memorial at Vincennes, Ind.

Greeted by Big Crowd

Arriving at Louisville in the after-
noon en route to Hodgenville, he was
greeted by a large group of Kentucky
officials and politicians who accom-
panied him to Lincoln's boyhood
home.

Gov. A. B. (Happy) Chandler ex-
tended a "hearty welcome" to the
President and said the presence of
the large crowd at the depot showed

Kentucky "guaranteed not to neg-
lect him next November."

Robert W. Bingham of Louisville,
ambassador to London; U. S. Sen. M.
M. Logan, former Rep. John Y.
Young, candidate for Logan's seat,
and Acting Mayor Horace Taylor were
among the group who boarded the
train there.

The President said he was glad to
come to Louisville and wished he
could stay longer. The next time,

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he said, he would make a "regular
visit."

The text of the President's state-
ment on his visit to Hodgenville,
where he motored from Elizabeth-
town, 15 miles away, follows:

"I have visited the cabin in which
Abraham Lincoln was born. I have
come here individually, as one of
many millions of Americans—whose
lives have been influenced for the
good by Abraham Lincoln.

Gains Confidence

"I live, temporarily, in the same
house and the same rooms once oc-
cupied by him. The very window
from which he gazed in the dark
days is the same.

"But this cabin is even more per-
sonal than the scenes of his official
life; for here was born and lived the
child. Here is the promise, later to
be so splendidly fulfilled.

"I have taken from this cabin a
renewed confidence that the spirit of
America is not dead, that men and
means will be found to explore and
conquer the problems of a new time
with no less humanity and no less
fortitude than his.

"Here we can renew our pledge of
fidelity to the faith which Lincoln
held in the common man—the faith
so simply expressed when he said:

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The Presidential special again
passed through Louisville after the
Hodgenville trip and most of the
Kentucky welcoming committee left
the train then.

Want to See President Roosevelt?

Minute-By-Minute Guide Traces Chief Executive's Sunday Trip

By A. A. Daugherty.

THERE'LL be a great time in the old town Sunday afternoon if the estimated 75,000 persons who saw President-Nominate Franklin D. Roosevelt on his two-hour visit to Louisville October 22, 1932, try for a repeat glimpse of the President after he enters the Gateway of the South, by the back door, at approximately 1:53 p.m. on his way to visit the Lincoln Memorial Shrine and birthplace at Hodgenville.

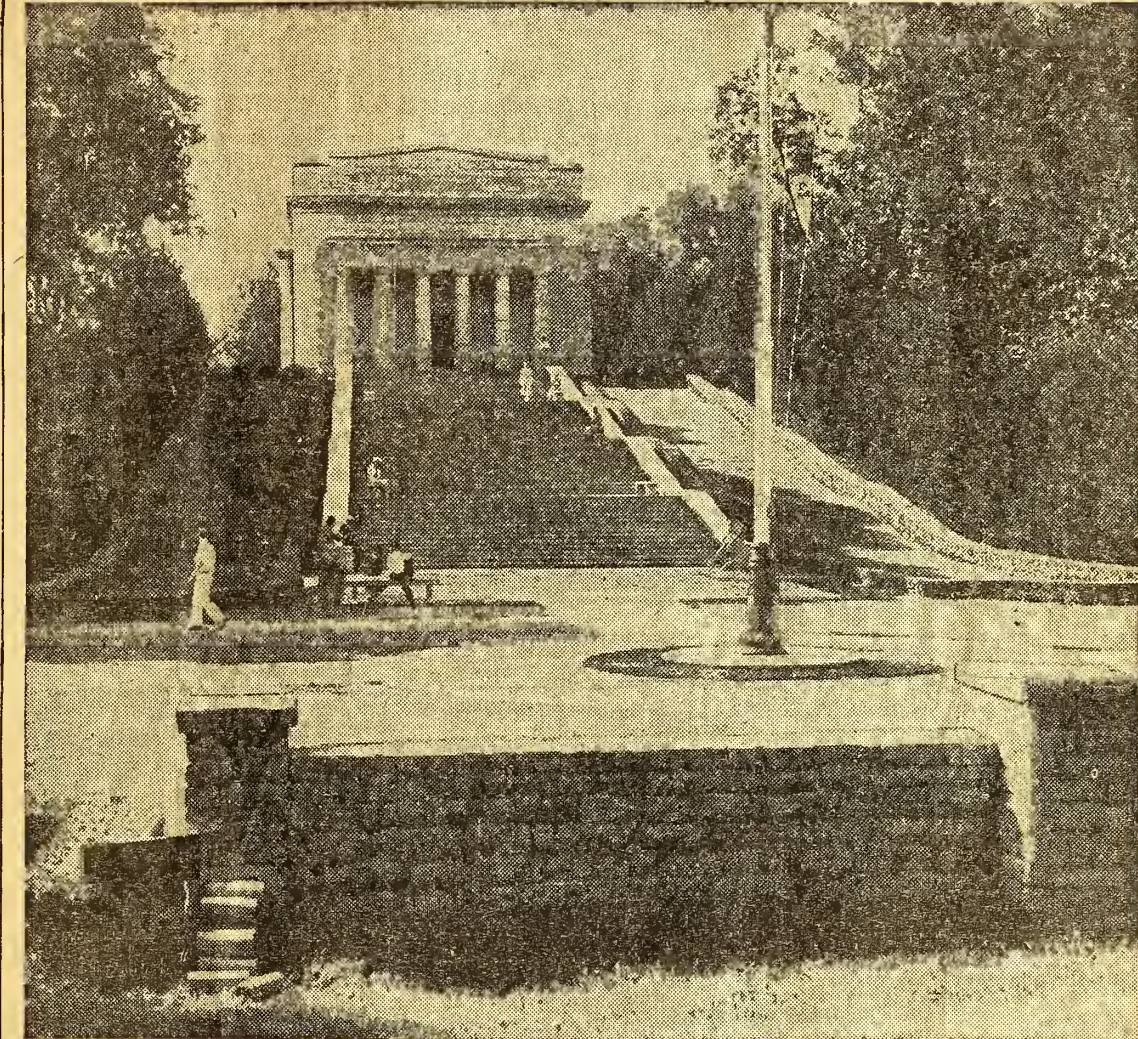
Since only about 10,000, counting those who practically impale themselves atop the spiked iron fence about the shed tracks, can jam their way to within seeing distance of the President during his contemplated informal talk at the Union Station, Tenth and Broadway, the best advice to the majority of those who want to see and hear him seems to be, "Go south to Hodgenville," where arrangements are being made to handle 75,000.

THE second best bet—though it isn't a very good one—is to flank the railroad tracks along the route of the nine-car special train in the hope of seeing the President getting a breath of unconditioned air on the observation platform.

The train bearing the President from the dedication of the Clarke Memorial at Vincennes, Ind., is to enter the city via the K. & I. Bridge and proceed over the Monon tracks (corresponding to 30th St.) to Magnolia, thence east to Seventh, where it is scheduled to arrive at 2 o'clock. It then will be backed over L. & N. tracks into Union Station, with arrival there on Track 3 set for 2:15. Gates at the track are expected to be thrown open to permit as many as possible to gather about the car to see President Roosevelt welcomed to the city and to hear him talk briefly and informally while a big "400" type L. & N. engine is coupled to the special in place of the C. I. & L. locomotive bringing it here.

DIRECTOR of Safety Dunlap Wakefield has arranged for a cordon of police to surround the train during its stop in order to forestall any overzealous demonstrations by the crowd. State police also are to line up with the city's "finest." Special traffic squads are being detailed to the area around and leading to the terminal. The President does not plan to leave the train at all while in the city.

Promptly at 2:30 p.m. the special is to head out the main Nash-



—(By Times Staff Photographer.)
The recently beautified Lincoln shrine at Hodgenville, Ky., where thousands of Kentuckians will hear President Roosevelt speak at 4:15 p.m. Sunday.

ville line, reaching the Third St. viaduct five minutes later, the city limits five minutes after that, and, with no stops between, Elizabethtown at 3:30.

Another chance to see the President, or at least his train, will be afforded when the special returns to Louisville in time to turn on Gaulbert Ave., and back into Union Station at 6:05 for a ten-minute stop, during which a city and State police cordon again will deploy about the train. The special will then chug away again at 6:15 p.m., this time toward Cincinnati and home. Crescent Hillers are in line for their thrill shortly after 6:30, when the train passes Baxter Ave. Station, before turning onto Frankfort Ave. "The President Vanishes," as a movie title puts it, near St. Matthews at 6:39 though his train will pass through Pee Wee Valley, La Grange, Campbellsburg, Worthville, Sanders, Sparta, Walton, Latonia and Covington before crossing into Ohio.

EVERY mile of track the Chief Executive is to go over in Kentucky is being carefully checked to assure him utmost safety. Col. Edmund W. Starling, a Kentuckian, recently named chief of the White House Secret Service detail, has been in Louisville and vicinity since Tuesday working with J. M. Malley, local Secret Service head, in making arrangements for the visit.

Governor Chandler assured Colonel Starling as early as Wednesday that Adjutant General Lee McLain would be asked to provide as many State police "as necessary" to work with Louisville officers in handling the crowds and to serve as traffic escorts at Elizabethtown and Hodgenville.

Ft. Knox is expected to provide military escort both ways between Elizabethtown and Lincoln Farm, and to help police the gathering there.

Elizabethtown, under supervision of Mayor Frank M. Joplin and committee, is putting on its best holiday bibs and bunting and trying its best to borrow a military band to welcome the President when he detrains to go by automobile the fourteen and one-half miles to visit for his first time the birthplace of the Great Emancipator. The closest he has ever been to Lincoln Farm before was on his Kentucky trip in 1932, when he passed through

of numerous trees, particularly an avenue of cedars flanking the approach.

PRESIDENT * * * ROOSEVELT, whose last visit to Kentucky was on November 16, 1934, when he attended the Clarke Memorial unveiling at Pioneer Park in Harrodsburg, will be the fourth Chief Executive to visit the Lincoln shrine while in office. The first also was a Roosevelt, Theodore, who presided at the laying of the memorial cornerstone February 12, 1909, on the centennial of Lincoln's birth. William Howard Taft was present for dedicatory services November 9, 1911, and Woodrow Wilson formally accepted the shrine and 300-acre farm as a national park on September 4, 1916. David Lloyd George, a visitor of October 20, 1923, and Rumania's Queen Marie, who was present November 18, 1926, are just two of the many other notable visitors.

After concluding his talk, plans are for the Presidential party to return by motor to Elizabethtown in time to entrain at 5 o'clock for the forty-two-mile non-stop run back to Louisville, via Colesburg, Lebanon Junction and Shepherdsville, the same route taken South earlier in the afternoon.

Neither the talk at Louisville nor the one at Hodgenville is to be radiocast.

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LOUISVILLIANS planning the trip to Hodgenville have two good roads to choose from. The route through Elizabethtown by the Dixie Highway and thence by U. S. 61 and 31E to the shrine measures sixty-one and one-half miles and normally can be driven in two hours, but probably will require three because of traffic. The alternative route, 31E through Mt. Washington, Bardstown, New Haven and Hodgenville, totals seventy miles and shouldn't require more than three hours, owing to lighter traffic. Departure from Louisville by noonday is allowing plenty of time to be on hand for the President's arrival at 4, though even fairly latecomers are likely to find themselves walking anywhere from one-half to two miles after parking their cars.

Fields near Lincoln Farm are expected to be ready for use as "parking lots" for visitors, whose number is thought likely to exceed by far the record crowd of 25,000 who greeted President Wilson there in 1916.

Everyone, however big the crowd, is expected to get a good view of the President, since a long and gentle slope meets the hill the memorial sits on, to make what is in effect an outdoor Madison Square Garden, with the cynosure of all eyes at the top of one side of spectators instead of "in the middle."

New Haven, fifteen miles away.

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THE President's route by motor from Elizabethtown will be two miles south on the Dixie Highway, thence ten miles southeast on Highway 61 to Hodgenville and then two and one-half miles south on 31E. He is expected to arrive at the Lincoln Memorial at approximately 4 p.m. and after being shown around, to speak briefly through a public address system, from atop the handsome fifty-six-step approach to the memorial housing the simple little mud-chinked 143-log cabin where Honest Abe is believed to have drawn his first breath of life.

Mayor D. H. Daugherty, Walter Cole and Congressman E. W. Creal are seeing to it that the sixteenth successor to Larue County's most illustrious son is accorded a worthy reception when he arrives. The memorial itself and the grounds will be looking their dressiest ever as result of \$20,000 in improvements made there in the past two years, including the laying of walks and the planting

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